

Braddock East Planning Process

Advisory Group – Operating Covenants

The Alexandria City Council has formed a citizen advisory group to assist in the development of a plan for redeveloping the Samuel Madden, Andrew Adkins, Ramsey Homes, and James Bland and James Bland Addition public housing complexes as mixed-income, mixed use neighborhoods.

The objectives in forming the Braddock East Advisory Group (BEAG) are to:

- Provide a forum for open discussion of related issues by citizens representative of key stakeholders
- Identify and understand the various interests of the community and other interested parties
- Expand areas of agreement, clarify differences, and explore ways to build into the redevelopment framework guidelines and policies that are harmonious with the Braddock Metro Small Area Plan recently adopted by City Council.

Roles of BEAG Members

The role of BEAG is advisory.

Members are expected to attend regular meetings of the group. Substitutes are not allowed. Members will:

- work collegially with other members
- share their concerns and issues, and those of people and groups with whom they are affiliated at BEAG meetings

Open Meetings

BEAG meetings are open to the public. A schedule is being developed with dates and locations of future meetings. All persons attending meetings who are not BEAG or planning team members are considered observers and may speak only at times designated on the agenda for public comments. A period will be set aside at each BEAG meeting for public comment.

Conduct at Meetings

Participants agree to the following guidelines:

- Treat each other with respect
- Only one person speaks at a time
- Listen as an ally, not an adversary
- Ask for clarification, don't assume you know what someone means
- Every member can participate equally, avoid dominating
- Avoid side conversations
- Members will not characterize other people's views in or outside the group's meetings.

Facilitator

All BEAG meetings will be facilitated. The role of the facilitator includes developing agendas, focusing meeting discussions, working to resolve any impasses that may arise, and preparing meeting summaries.